Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Action is sometimes taken.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Government can stop the grant, if they fail to do as ordered.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Action had been taken in some cases suspending grants.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know what is the difficulty in getting all these books within one month after the schools are opened?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Directions were given to the contractors that the books must be supplied within one month. But what can they do, if the schools delay the indents.

Mr. President: As a matter of fact, there must be Depressed class students every year in the schools, and based upon the number in the previous years, I think, we can arrive at the approximate number of books required for the subsequent year, and basing on this approximate number, the indents should be prepared. Then books can be supplied on the very day the boy is admitted.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I shall do so.

DEPRESSED CLASS COLONIES—INQUIRY REGARDING WORKING OF

129. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any enquiry with regard to the working of the depressed classes colonies was made in 1115 by any officer, or committee appointed by the Government;

(*b*) if so, the officer or members of the committee who undertook such enquiry;

(*c*) whether any report has been submitted to the Government after enquiry;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a copy of the report;

(*e*) whether the Government have passed any orders on the report?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) A committee of three members was formed, consisting of (*i*) Late Mr. K. P. Vallon, M. L. C.,
(*ii*) Mr. V. K. Kutty, M. L. C. and
(*iii*) the Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes. Copy is placed on the table.

(*e*) No.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether Mr. V. K. Kutty belongs to the Depressed class community, or, for whose sake the committee is appointed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is not a disqualification that Mr. V. K. Kutty is a Muslim. The fact that he is a Muslim is no bar for his going into this question and reporting about it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): There is another member in this House who is a quasi-depressed class—I mean Mr. Moni. Why was he not nominated?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This is a sub-committee selected by the Advisory Committee, and because Mr. Kutty happened to be a member of that Advisory Committee, he was selected by that Committee. That is the reason.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Does the Protector of the Depressed Classes belong to the Depressed class community?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): He belongs to the Ezhuva community, the so-called backward community.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): I want to know whether any orders have been passed on this report ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This is a sub-committee appointed by the Advisory Committee. So, the report must be first placed before that Committee for their opinion, so that any change or ratification made by that Committee may be embodied. A meeting of that committee will be held as soon as the Council is over. Then only it will be submitted to the Government for orders. That is the reason why it has not been made public.

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